

ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2008-01
(Emergency Measure for Measles)**

WHEREAS, the Director of the Department of Health Services may define and prescribe emergency measures for detecting, reporting, and controlling communicable or infectious diseases or conditions, the Director has reasonable cause to believe that a serious threat to public health and welfare exists, pursuant to Arizona Revised Statutes § 36-136(G); and


WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent the spread of measles, a highly contagious and potentially lethal disease that represents a serious threat to the public health; and

WHEREAS, the need for emergency measures is established by the following:

1. 20 measles cases have been confirmed and 54 suspect measles cases in Pima County demonstrate the need to vaccinate the public in Pima County.
2. On May 1, 2008, the Pima County Board of Supervisors declared a Public Health Emergency in Pima County due to the presence and subsequent spread of measles in Pima County.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Susan Gerard, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Director of the Department of Health Services under A. R.S. § 36-136(G), do hereby Order the following emergency measures to be adopted for preventing and controlling measles in Pima County:

1. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-501(F) that requires Pima County to contract with a medical director that is qualified under A.A.C. R9-25-204 or A.A.C. R9-25-205 for immunization clinics.
2. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-204(A) that prevents a physician from providing administrative medical direction for measles immunization clinics unless the physician meets the requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-204(A)(2).
3. Suspend the requirement in A.A.C. R9-25-205(A) that prevents a physician from providing on-line medical direction for measles immunization clinics unless the physician meets the requirements in A.A.C. R9-25-205(A)(2).



Susan Gerard, Director

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